Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A printing apparatus for carrying out the printing of print jobs transmitted from a host device in order of receipt, said apparatus comprising:

a queue management unit that holds at least first and second print jobs to which passwords are attached and which are transmitted from said host device together with normal print jobs[[,]] for which no password entry is required, the normal print jobs being held in a queue with a print hold status, and that manages the order of all print jobs, until said passwords are entered; ~~and~~

~~a control unit for sequentially carrying out~~wherein, upon entry of the passwords of ~~the~~at least said first password-attached print job and said second password-attached print ~~jobs~~job which are held in the queue with a print hold status,~~prior to printing of the at least first and second print jobs, the printing of said at least first and second print jobs in order of entry of the passwords and in preference over the normal print jobs, which require no password entry, that are waiting to print~~ the print hold status of said first password-attached print job and said second password-attached print job is released prior to printing of the first password-attached print job and the second password-attached print job, and the printing of at least said first password-attached print job and said second password-attached print job is executed in order of entry of the passwords and prior to printing of the normal print jobs which require no password entry.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit stores the password-attached print jobs in said queue in a print hold status, moves a password-attached print job for which the password has been entered to the end of print jobs stored in said queue while releasing the print hold status, and carries out the printing of the password-attached print jobs for which the passwords have been entered in order of release of said print hold status.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 1, comprising:

clock means for clocking a predetermined time from the performance of the printing of said password-attached print job to the performance of the printing of the next password-attached print job, wherein

said control unit, having completed one password-attached print job, carries out the printing of the next password-attached print job at least after said predetermined time has been clocked by said clock means.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 2, comprising:

clock means for clocking a predetermined time from the performance of the printing of said password-attached print job to the performance of the printing of the next password-attached print job, wherein

said control unit, having completed one password-attached print job, carries out the printing of the next password-attached print job at least after said predetermined time has been clocked by said clock means.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of the password-attached print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of said normal print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claims 1, wherein said control unit stores the password-attached print jobs towards the head of a single queue, and stores said normal print jobs following said password-attached print jobs, said control unit comprising pointers at the end of said password-attached print jobs and at the end of said normal print jobs.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a display unit for displaying a list of the password-attached print jobs that are stored in said queue in print hold status.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of the password-attached print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claims 3, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of said normal print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control unit stores the password-attached print jobs towards the head of a single queue, and stores said normal print jobs following said password-attached print jobs, said control unit comprising pointers at the end of said password-attached print jobs and at the end of said normal print jobs.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claims 4, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of the password-attached print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said control unit comprises a pointer for indicating the end of said normal print jobs stored in said queue.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claims 2, wherein said control unit stores the password-attached print jobs towards the head of a single queue, and stores said normal print jobs following said password-attached print jobs, said control unit

comprising pointers at the end of said password-attached print jobs and at the end of said normal print jobs.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A printing method that is employed, during printing of normal print jobs for which no password entry is required, upon entry of a plurality of passwords of at least first and second print jobs to which the passwords are attached, which have been stored in print hold status and are held in a queue prior to printing of the at least first and second print jobs, the method comprising the steps of:

verifying that each of the entered passwords is a valid password for a corresponding one of the at least first and second print jobs;

holding the at least first and second print jobs in the queue upon entry of the passwords and prior to printing of the at least first and second print jobs; and

printing the at least first and second print jobs in order of valid password entry and after completion of the printing of the normal print jobs under printing, for which no password entry is required,

wherein upon entry of valid passwords, the printing of the at least first and second print jobs is carried out in preference over the other normal print jobs, for which no password entry is required, that are waiting to print.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A printing method for sequentially printing a plurality of password-attached print jobs for which password entry is required, the method comprising the steps of:

~~verifying, during printing of a first password-attached print job for which password entry is required, upon entry of a password for a second or subsequent password-attached print job that has been stored in print hold status, that the entered password is a valid password for the second or subsequent password-attached print job;~~

holding ~~the~~ at least first and second or subsequent password-attached print jobs in a queue upon entry of ~~the~~ passwords and prior to printing of the at least first and second or subsequent password-attached print jobs;

verifying that the entered password is a valid password for the second or subsequent password-attached print job that is stored in print hold status, during printing of the first password-attached print job; and

printing the second or subsequent password-attached print job for which said valid password has been entered after a predetermined amount of time has elapsed since the completion of the printing of the first password-attached print job.

Claim 17 (previously presented): A printing method that is employed, during printing of normal print jobs for which no password entry is required, upon entry of a plurality of passwords of at least first and second print jobs to which the passwords are attached, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a list of the at least first and second print jobs, which are stored in print hold status;

verifying, upon entry of a password for any of the at least first and second print jobs stored in print hold status, that the password is a valid password for one of the at least first and second print jobs;

holding the at least first and second print jobs in a queue upon entry of the passwords and prior to printing of the at least first and second print jobs; and

printing the at least first and second print jobs in order of password entry,

wherein printing of the at least first and second print jobs for which valid passwords are entered is carried out in preference over the normal print jobs that are waiting to print.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A printing apparatus for printing at least first and second print data items transmitted from a host device in order of reception, said apparatus comprising:

a queue management unit for holding the at least first and second print data transmitted from said host device until passwords are entered; and

a control unit for, upon entry of the passwords of the at least first and second print data which are held in a queue prior to printing of the at least first and second print data, sequentially printing the at least first and second print data in order of password entry and in preference over normal print data, for which no password entry is required, that are waiting to print.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A printing apparatus for carrying out the printing of normal print jobs, for which no password entry is required, in order of reception while putting at least first and second password-attached print jobs, for which password entry is required, in print hold status, said apparatus comprising:

an input unit via which a password for one of the at least first and second password-attached print jobs is entered; and

a control unit whereby the print hold status of said at least first and second password-attached print jobs whose passwords agree with the passwords entered via said input unit are all released, and the printing of said at least first and second password-attached print jobs is carried out in order of password entry and in preference over the normal print jobs that are waiting to print, wherein the at least first and second password-attached print jobs are held in a queue prior to printing.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying the password-attached print jobs that are in print hold status when password entry is received via said input unit, wherein

said control unit receives a designation of a single password-attached print from among the jobs displayed on said display unit, compares the password of the designated password-attached print job with the password that has been entered via said input unit, and releases the print hold status of said password-attached print job when the passwords agree with each other, thereby rendering the printing of said password-attached print job possible.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said display unit displays a plurality of password-attached print jobs that are in print hold status in such a manner that one of the password-attached print jobs can be designated as the object of entry of the password via said input unit.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A printing apparatus for carrying out the printing of normal print jobs, for which no password entry is required, in order of reception while putting at least

first and second password-attached print jobs, for which password entry is required, in print hold status, said apparatus comprising:

an input unit via which passwords for the at least first and second password-attached print jobs are entered;

a display unit for displaying the at least first and second password-attached print jobs that are in print hold status in such a manner that one of the password-attached print jobs can be designated as the object of the entry of the password in said input unit; and

a control unit by which, upon entry, via said input unit, of the password for one of the at least first and second password-attached print jobs that has been designated from among the password-attached print jobs displayed on said display unit, the print hold status of the one of the at least first and second password-attached print jobs for which the password has been entered is released and the printing thereof is carried out in preference over the normal print jobs, for which no password entry is required, that are waiting to print, wherein the at least first and second password-attached print jobs are held in a queue prior to printing.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The printing apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said control unit is adapted to give notice in the event that the password for the password-attached print job designated from among the password-attached print jobs displayed on said display unit does not agree with the password entered via said input unit.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A printing system in which print data transmitted, via a server, from a host device is printed by a printer in order of reception, said system comprising:

a queue management unit that holds at least first and second password-attached print jobs to which a plurality of passwords are attached and which are transmitted from said host device, until said passwords are entered; and

a control unit for, upon entry of the plurality of passwords, each of which is a password associated with one of the at least first and second password-attached print jobs which are held in a queue prior to printing of the at least first and second password-attached print jobs, sequentially printing the password-attached print data in order of entry of the passwords and in preference over normal print data that are waiting to print and for which no password entry is required.